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INTRODUCTION.

This report is again compiled in accordance with the revised form and sequence suggested by the Ministry of Health in circular 33/52. This year the sections are set out in full, as requested in the circular.

Section I — STAFF

TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
K. J. GRANT	Port Medical Officer	1.6.48	M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health, County Borough of Great Yarmouth.
R. G. NEWBERRY	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1.6.60	M.B., B.S. D.P.H.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health, County Borough of Great Yarmouth.
F. R. PARMENTER	Port Health Inspector	30.1.53	Cert. S.I.E.J.B. and Inspector of Meat and Other Foods	Chief Public Health Inspector, County Borough of Great Yarmouth.
F. T. PORTER	Deputy Port Health Inspector	15.7.53	Cert. S.I.E.J.B. and Inspector of Meat and Other Foods	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector, County Borough of Great Yarmouth.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health :—

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Great Yarmouth.

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Section II — AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the M.O.H.	By the Inspector	
Foreign Ports	570	106,467	—	140	—
Coastwise	1,090	316,837	—	41	—
Total	1,660	423,304	—	181	—

Section III — CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

There was no passenger traffic during the year.

CARGO TRAFFIC.

At the time of writing it is not possible to obtain separate information on the principal imports and exports in the form usually provided in the report. This information will be included in the report as soon as it is available. In the meantime the following table shows the amount of cargo handled at the port either as imports or exports for the year ended 24th March 1960 :—

Cattle	3,794 head
Coal	155,585 tons
Groceries	30,409 tons
Grain and seeds	290,401 qrs.
Manures	32,656 tons
Meal, etc.	12,679 tons
Metals, scrap iron, etc.	52,124 tons
Miscellaneous goods	Figures to be supplied later

Paper, strawboards, etc.	5,058 tons
Petrol, paraffin, fuel oil, etc.	372,292 tons
Salt	6,801 tons
Stone, broken granite, etc.	6,805 tons
Wood	67,655 loads
Herrings, cured	1,739 tons
Herrings, uncured	28,120 crans

PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE.

Belgium—Antwerp.

Denmark—Copenhagen, Fredricksund.

Finland—Abo, Kemi, Kotka.

Germany—Bremen, Cuxhaven, Hamburg, Wismar.

Holland—Amsterdam, Rotterdam.

Norway—Christiansund, Kristinestad, Oslo.

Sweden—Falkenburg, Gothenburg, Kalmar, Stockholm.

Section IV — INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There was no inland barge traffic during the year.

Section V — WATER SUPPLY

1. SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE DISTRICT AND SHIPPING.

The water for the port and shipping is supplied direct from the mains of the Great Yarmouth Waterworks Co., which also supplies the town. The supply is continuous and adequate for all purposes.

2. REPORTS OF TESTS FOR CONTAMINATION.

Samples of the water supply are regularly submitted for examination, and the results show it to be of consistently good quality.

3. PRECAUTIONS TAKEN AGAINST CONTAMINATION OF HYDRANTS AND HOSEPIPES.

Hydrants are available for practically the whole length of the port, and the hoses provided by the water company to supply ships are thoroughly flushed before use.

4. NUMBER AND SANITARY CONDITION OF WATER BOATS, AND POWERS OF CONTROL BY THE AUTHORITY.

There are no water boats operating in the port.

Section VI — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

1. LIST OF INFECTED AREAS.

Information regarding ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean coast is extracted from the Ministry of Health's weekly list, and a copy of this information is forwarded by post to the Waterguard Office of the local Custom House.

2. RADIO MESSAGES.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district—Although Great Yarmouth is not a radio transmitting port, radio messages can be sent to ships through the Humber or North Foreland transmitting stations.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon—Arrangements for the receipt of radio messages are the same as for those for transmission. The telegraphic address is Portelth, Great Yarmouth.

3. NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO.

Messages are received by telephone from H.M. Inspector of Customs and Excise.

4. MOORING STATIONS.

(a) Within the docks—A berth will be made available, its situation being subject to conditions prevailing in the harbour at the time.

(b) Outside the docks—Yarmouth Roads anchorage.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR :—

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than Smallpox—see Section VII).—Accommodation for infectious diseases other than smallpox is available at the Estcourt Hospital, Great Yarmouth.

(b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts—The surveillance and follow-up of contacts would be undertaken by the Port Health Inspector under the direction of the Port Medical Officer.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.—In case of infectious disease, disinfection is carried out by the staff of the local authority. Persons are cleansed and clothing and other articles are disinfected as required under arrangements made by the local authority at the Northgate Hospital.

Section VII — SMALLPOX

(1) Under arrangements made by the Regional Hospital Board, smallpox cases would be admitted to Ipswich Smallpox Hospital.

(2) It has been agreed that Ipswich Ambulance Service would undertake responsibility for all arrangements for transport of smallpox cases to hospital. Applications for transport would be sent to the Resident Medical Officer, St. Helen's Hospital, Ipswich (Telephone number Ipswich 77211). The Ipswich Authority is responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

(3) Smallpox consultants available :—

Dr. W. A. Oliver, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

Dr. A. G. Smith, 24 Unthank Road, Norwich.

(4) Specimens for laboratory examination would be sent to the Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, The Hyde, London, N.W.9.

Section VIII — VENEREAL DISEASE

Great Yarmouth V.D. Clinic is situated in Churchill Road, and sessions at which merchant seamen can attend are held as follows :—

Mondays 9.30 a.m. — 12 noon

Wednesdays 2.30 p.m. — 6 p.m.

In-patient treatment when required would be carried out under the arrangements of the Regional Hospital Board.

Masters of vessels are asked to report any cases of venereal disease among the crew, and advice is given as to when and where treatment may be obtained. Information slips regarding the clinic are issued to masters and ships' agents.

Section IX — CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN SHIPS

TABLE D. — Nil.

Section X — OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No cases of malaria occurred in ships entering the port.

Section XI — MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No ships infected with or suspected for plague arrived at the port.

Section XII — MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Ships arriving from foreign ports are examined by the Inspector in the first instance, and if any evidence is found the Rodent Officer is called in to make a more extensive search.

(2) When required, bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents are carried out on behalf of the authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Norwich. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

(3) Great Yarmouth is not an “approved port” for “deratting” but when any action is required trapping and poisoning is carried out by the staff of the local authority.

(4) Efforts are made to secure the efficient rat-proofing of ships, and particular attention is paid to foodstores, storerooms, etc.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year :—

Category	Number			Total
	In ships from foreign ports	In coastwise ships and fish-ing vessels	In docks, quays, wharfs and warehouses	
Black rats	—	—	—	—
Brown rats	—	—	95	95
Species not known	—	—	—	—
Sent for examination	—	—	—	—
Infected with plague	—	—	—	—

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports :—

Great Yarmouth is not an approved port.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS (APPLICATION TO SHIPPING) ORDER. 1951.

No certificates were issued in accordance with article 3(2)(b) of the Order.

Section XIII — INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices :—

Nature and number of inspections		Notices served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory notices	*Other notices	
British ships	57	—	2	2 complied with
Foreign ships	124	—	5	3 complied with
British fishing vessels	—	—	—	—
Total	181	—	7	5 complied with

* Including oral notices

Section XIV — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948.

There are no shell-fish beds within the port.

Section XV — MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Great Yarmouth is not an approved port for the landing of aliens.

Section XVI — MISCELLANEOUS

Should a death occur on board ship in the port, the body would be removed to the mortuary and arrangements for interment made according to circumstances.

FOOD INSPECTION

PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937-1948

During the year food continued to be imported, mainly from Holland. For the most part this consisted of canned luncheon meats, canned ham, canned fruits, lard, cheese and onions. There were also regular shipments of Dutch tomatoes arriving at the port during the spring and summer, these were found to be of very good quality.

Inspection and sampling of these imports were carried out during the year. Samples were submitted to Dr. E. C. Wood, the Public Analyst.


Number of inspections of consignments of imported food : 183.

Samples of imported food sent to public analyst :

	No. submitted	Result
Lard	1	Genuine
Can of unsweetened sterilised milk	1	Genuine
Cans of evaporated milk	2	Genuine
Can of sterilised cream	1	Genuine
Can of ham	1	Genuine
Can of blackberries	1	Genuine
Margarine	1	Genuine
*Savoury cheese toast	1	Unsatisfactory

*This sample was reported as unsatisfactory by the Public Analyst because it was prepacked and did not have a declaration of ingredients upon the package, as required under the Labelling of Food Order.

The Importers concerned were informed of this, and immediately took steps to comply with the Order.



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